

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were examined in the Office Action mailed November 3, 2006.

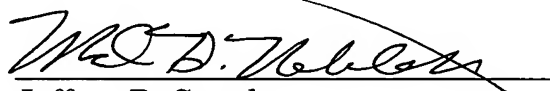
The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 11-18. In order to advance these claims to issue, the Applicants have canceled claims 1-10, without prejudice to the subject matter therein. Accordingly, issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 11-18 is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 029082.53055US).

Respectfully submitted,

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